



# OFFICE OF RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

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## Goal Statement

To provide an integrated solid waste management system dedicated to excellent customer service and responsible fiscal and environmental stewardship.

## Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

### Environment

- Instituted new waste collection services for the unincorporated area of Leon County, resulting in a contract with Waste Pro at 30% rate reduction, saving customers \$72 per year.
- Advanced the method of recycling for dual-stream to a more convenient single stream approach, allowing all recyclables to be comingled into one bin. By simplifying the manner in which residents recycle, participation increased by 11%.
- Implemented a rural waste user fee system in unincorporated Leon County. The system will decrease the general revenue subsidy by approximately \$230,000.
- Leon County Transfer Station made operational changes in the handling and inspection of waste being derived at the facility. The operational change allows the operators to remove and properly dispose of unacceptable waste tires, resulting in an annual savings of \$36,000.

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## CUSTOMER SERVICE, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP & INNOVATION

- Leon County's Hazardous Waste Center continued to be a one-stop location for hazardous waste and electronics disposal, and continued to promote the reuse and recycling of these products.
  - » Processed 346 tons of potentially hazardous material from 8,673 residents, of which 213 tons was removed from the solid waste stream through recycling or reuse.
  - » The Swap Shop continued to promote the reuse of household products, and continues to be a popular feature of the Household Hazardous Waste Program. Usable household products the program receives, such as paint, pool chemicals, and polishes, are available to the public at no charge. This including returning 35 tons of household products to the community through the Swap Shop and 5,100 gallons of re-blended latex paint through the ReNew Paint program in the previous year.



*Household Hazardous Waste*



*Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event*

- Leon County continues to exceed state benchmarks and is setting the standard for recycling:
  - » Exceeded a 47% recycling rate.
  - » Recycled over 235 tons of electronic scrap.
  - » Partnered with the Sharing Tree, a community resource for reuse and recycling of art supplies and other materials that would otherwise be destined for a landfill.
  - » Turned yard debris into free mulch for our citizens.
  - » Educated our students on recycling and Solid Waste reduction through over 80 classroom presentations.
- Residents in the unincorporated area can elect to have full service weekly curbside collection through the County's contract provider. Alternatively, for a nominal monthly or per usage fee, the County offers full service Rural Waste Collection Service Centers, which allow residents to drop off household waste, recycling, bulky waste, yard debris and limited household hazardous waste.